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Amendment of Section 73.202(b) )  
Table of Allotments ) MB Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_  
FM Broadcast Stations ) RM - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Meadview, Arizona, and Laughlin, Nevada) )

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

To: Chief, Audio Division  
Media Bureau

**PETITION FOR RULE MAKING**

Desert Sky Media, LLC ("Desert Sky"), licensee of Station KVGS(FM), Laughlin, Nevada, by its counsel, and pursuant to Section 1.401 of the Commission's Rules, hereby requests that the Commission amend the FM Table of Allotments to delete Channel 300C at Laughlin, Nevada, allot Channel 300C to Meadview, Arizona as that community's first local service, and modify the license of KVGS to reflect operation on Channel 300C at Meadview. If this Petition is granted, Desert Sky will file an application for Channel 300C at Meadview and will construct the authorized facilities if its application is granted. The following table summarizes the changes requested in this Petition:

City	Channel	
	Existing	Proposed
Laughlin, Nevada	300C	---
Meadview, Arizona	---	300C

**A. Technical Analysis**

1. As demonstrated in the Engineering Statement, Channel 300C can be allotted to Meadview, Arizona at coordinates 35-50-11 North Latitude, 114-19-08 West Longitude consistent with Section 73.207 of the Commission's Rules. See Exhibit E, Figure 1. A 70 dBu

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signal can be provided to Meadview from the proposed reference point. *See* Figure 2. The relocation of KVGS to Meadview will result in a net gain in population of 508,331 persons within the 60 dBu signal from the station. *See* Figure 3. No white or gray area will be created, but a small portion of the loss area will receive fewer than five aural services. *See* Figure 4. This is consistent with other reallocations granted by the Commission. *See Scappoose and Tillamook, Oregon*, 15 FCC Rcd 10899 (2000); *Detroit Lakes and Barnesville, Minnesota*, 16 FCC Rcd 22581 (2001); *Earle, Arkansas, et al.*, 10 FCC Rcd 8270 (1995).

#### **B. Change in Community of License**

2. Desert Sky desires to change the community of license of Station KVGS from Laughlin to Meadview under the guidelines set forth in *Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License*, 4 FCC Rcd 3870 (1989), *recon. granted in part*, 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990) ("Community of License"). There, the Commission stated that a station may change its community of license without subjecting the license to other expressions of interest if (1) the proposed allotment is mutually exclusive with the current allotment; (2) the current community of license will not be deprived of its only local service; and (3) the proposed arrangement of allotments is preferred under the Commission's allotment priorities. These criteria are met here. First, the proposed use of Channel 300C at Meadview is mutually exclusive with the current use of Channel 300C at Laughlin. *See* Figure 1. Second, Laughlin will not be deprived of its only local service because it will continue to be served by Station KLSQ(AM).<sup>1</sup> Third, the provision of a first local service at Meadview (population 1,500) under Priority 3 will result in a preferential arrangement of allotments over the retention of a second local service at Laughlin (population 7,076) under

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<sup>1</sup> Laughlin is also served by Station KADD on channel 228C1. However, there is a proposal pending in MB Docket 01-135 to reallocate that channel to Logandale, Nevada.

Priority 4 (2000 U.S. Census). *See Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures*, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1982).

3. Meadview is not located in an Urbanized Area and the proposed 70 dBu contour of KVGS will cover less than 50% of any Urbanized Area, thus avoiding any concern with the relocation of stations from rural to urbanized areas. *See Headland, Alabama and Chattahoochee, Florida*, 10 FCC Rcd 10352 (1995).

4. The Town of Meadview is a rural community located in Mohave County at the natural end of the Grand Canyon National Park as the Colorado River flows into Lake Mead. Meadview is the only community located within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. According to Suzann Newell, Secretary of the Meadview Area Chamber of Commerce, the population of Meadview is approximately 1,500. The U.S. Post Office associates ZIP Code 86444 with Meadview, and operates the Meadview Main Post Office. Meadview also has its own local volunteer fire department offering fire, rescue, EMS and other services to area residents. Meadview is home to the Meadview Baptist Church and Meadview Community Church. See Exhibit 1.

5. Meadview is home to a variety of businesses and commercial establishments. Some of these businesses identify with the community by using "Meadview" on their name, for example: Meadview Lake Realty, Meadview Lake Motel, Meadview Market, Meadview RV Park and Meadview Sand & Gravel. Other local businesses includes the Canyon End Motel, Ace Hardware, Action Builders Supplies, Crow's Nest Restaurant, Ken's Pizza Plus and Sharpe Pest Control. Among the civic associations located in Meadview are the Meadview Chamber of Commerce and a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. Meadview events include an annual car show. The Mohave County Library System has operated the Meadview Community Library since

1989. The library is open three days a week and has a collection of over 4,000 items, including audio cassettes, books, newspapers and video cassettes. Located in Meadview, Pearce Ferry Airport serves the community and is owned by the National Park Service. See Exhibit 1.

6. If this Petition is granted, Desert Sky will file an application for Channel 300C at Meadview and expeditiously construct the facilities.

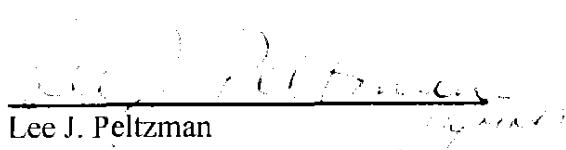
## II. CONCLUSION

Grant of this petition is in the public interest because Meadview, Arizona will receive its first local service with a net gain in population served of more than a half-million persons. Desert Sky reiterates that if the Commission grants this petition, it will file an application and construct the authorized facilities. The Commission should promptly issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making as described herein.

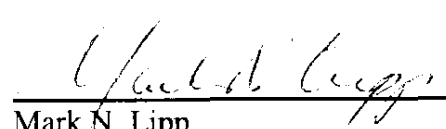
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**Engineering Statement  
In Support of a  
Petition for Rule Making  
Channel 300C (KVGS), Meadview, Arizona**

**General**

Desert Sky Media, LLC (“Desert Sky”) hereby wishes to change the community of license of KVGS(FM) from Laughlin, NV to Meadview, Arizona. A site change is proposed in order to provide adequate coverage of Meadview. No other spectrum changes in the spectrum are proposed.

The spectrum changes are as follows:

<u>City</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Laughlin, NV <sup>1</sup>	300C, 228C <sup>2</sup>	228C
Meadview, AZ	-----	300C

**Exhibits Explained**

Exhibit E, Figure 1 is an allocation study showing that channel 300C can be allocated to Meadview with no other spectrum modifications. Exhibit E, Figure 2 shows coverage of 100% of the community of license by the proposed facility.

Exhibit E, Figure 3 shows the large increase in population coverage the proposed facility will have, while Exhibit E, Figure 4 demonstrates that no underserved areas will be created.

**Conclusion**

Desert Sky, by virtue of this rule making, will be offering a new first local service to the community of Meadview. It will also be adding service to a net population of 508,331 persons.

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<sup>1</sup> Laughlin will continue to be served by KLSQ(AM).

<sup>2</sup> A rule making is on file to delete channel 228C from Laughlin.

**Statement of the Consultants**

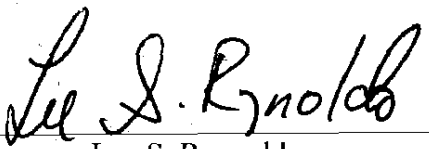
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March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003

# Engineering Statement

## In Support of a

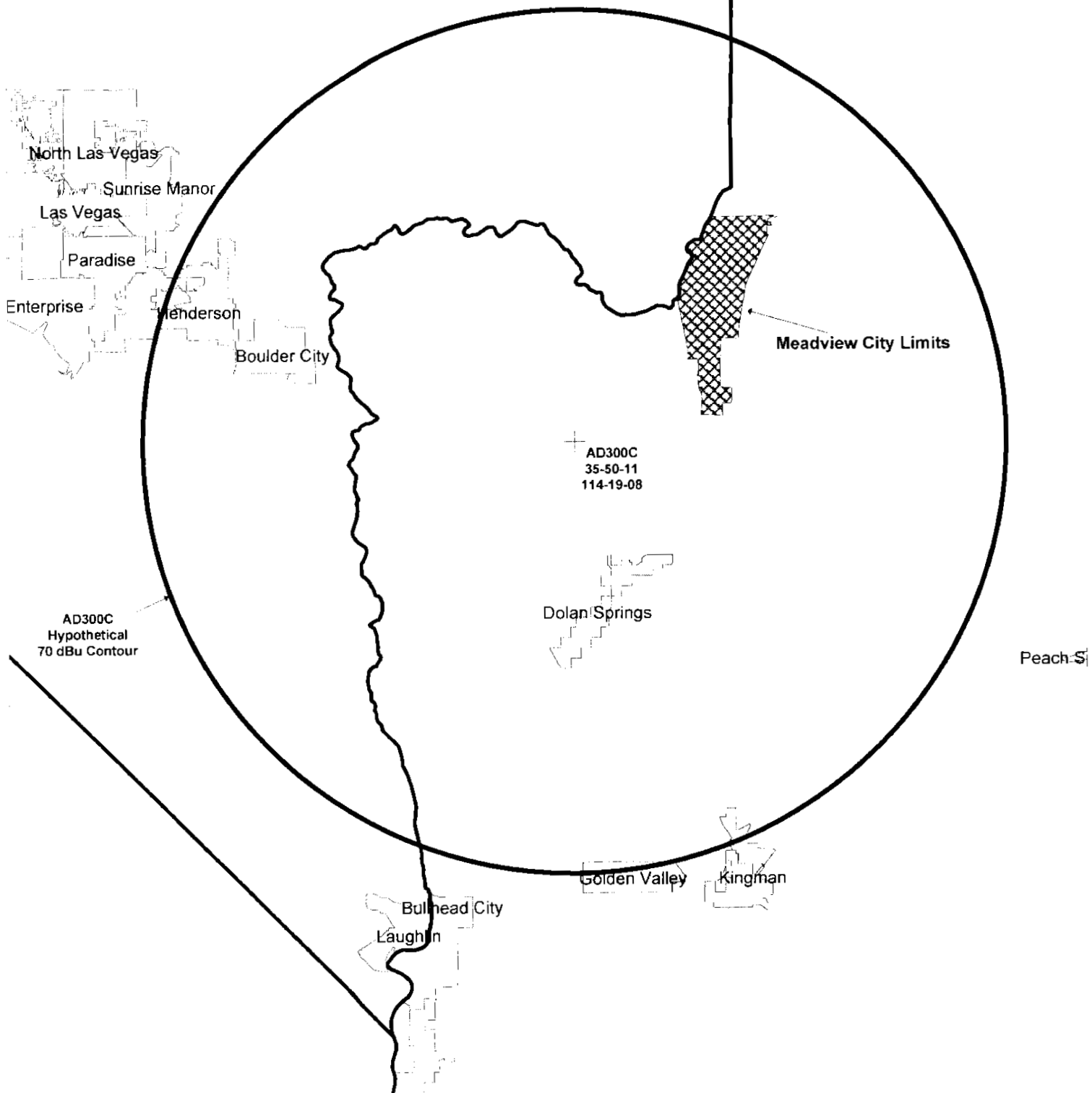
## Petition for Rule Making

### Channel 300C (KVGS), Meadview, AZ

### Channel 300C at Meadview Allocation Study

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35 50 11 N			CLASS = C				DATA 03-28-03
114 19 08 W			Current Spacings				SEARCH 04-01-03
----- Channel 300 - 107.9 MHz -----							
Call	Channel	Location	Dist	Azi	FCC	Margin	
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	<b>Community of Meadview</b>		<b>AZ</b>	<b>30.79</b>	<b>50.3</b>		
	Reference coordinates:						
	North Latitude: 36-00-47						
	West Longitude: 114-03-21						
<b>KVGS</b>	<b>LIC 300C</b>	<b>Laughlin</b>	<b>NV</b>	<b>20.47</b>	<b>178.2</b>	<b>290.0</b>	<b>-269.53</b>
	Of no concern:						
	Licensed coordinates of KVGS						
KXTE	LIC 298C	Pahrump	NV	107.67	278.0	105.0	2.67
ALLO	VAC 300C2	Parowan	UT	259.38	30.4	249.0	10.38
RDEL	DEL 300C2	Parowan	UT	259.38	30.4	249.0	10.38
RADD	ADD 299C2	Caliente	NV	202.53	355.3	188.0	14.53
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**AD300C, Meadview, AZ  
Proposed Class C  
70 dBu Contour**





Pop. Gain = 522,819  
Pop. Loss = 14,488  
Area Gain = 3,758 sq km  
Area Loss = 3,758 sq km

AD300C, Meadview, AZ  
KVGS, Laughlin, NV  
Gain/Loss Study

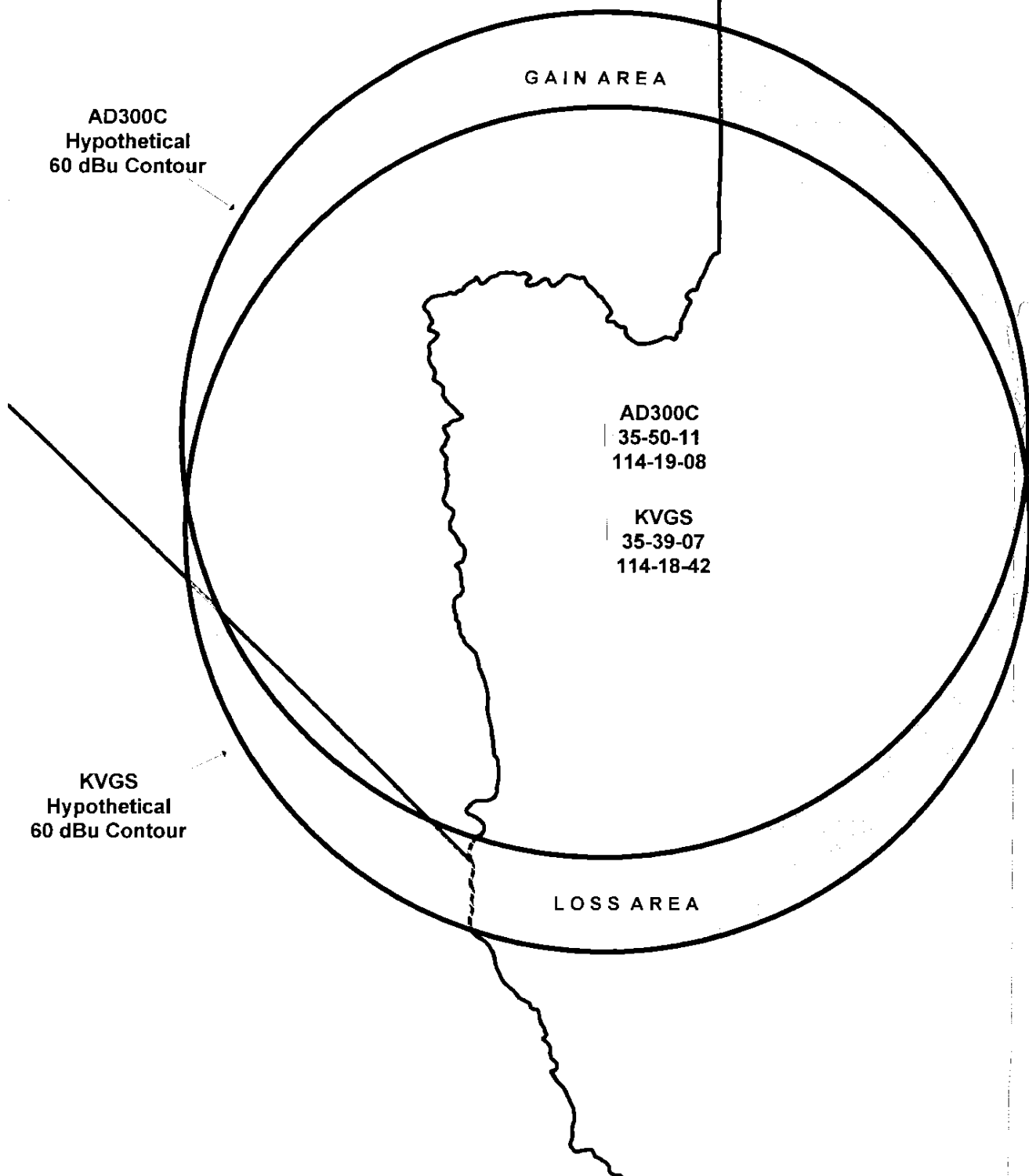
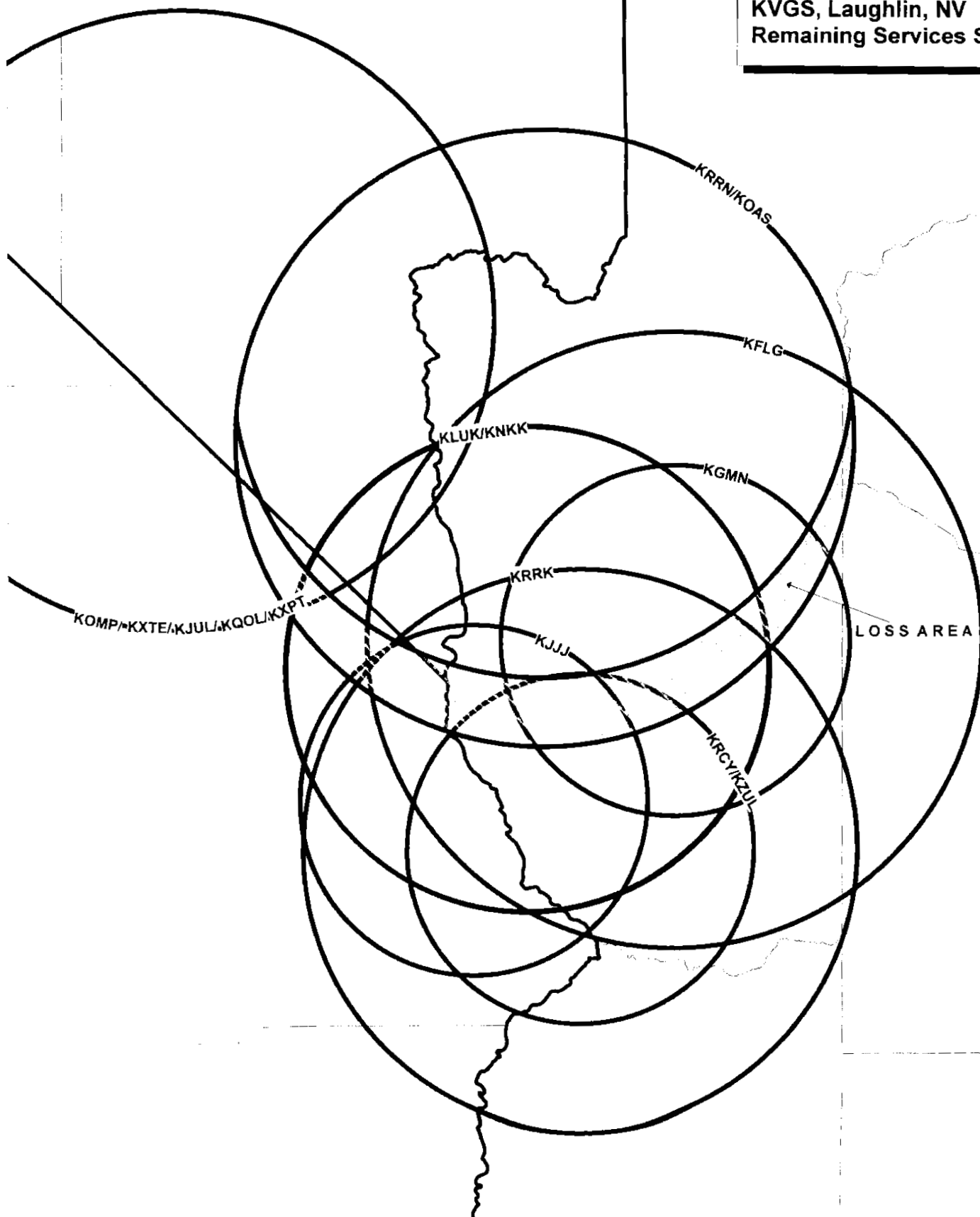


Exhibit E, Figure 3

AD300C, Meadview, AZ  
KVGS, Laughlin, NV  
Remaining Services Study



# **EXHIBIT 1**

**U.S. Census Bureau****U.S. Gazetteer**

Select one of the following matches to your query to look at that place in the Tiger Map Browser or retrieve 1990 Census tables.

You can search this index. Type the keyword(s) you want to search for:

- **Zip Code: 86444** PO Name: Meadview (AZ)  
Population (1990): 118  
Location: 35.813733 N, 114.327696 W  
Browse Tiger Map of area.  
Lookup 1990 Census zipcode data from STF3B.

*\*Note: This dataset is derived from the Census GICS and does not contain unincorporated place names. For other geographic entities, try searching the [USGS Geographic Names Information System](#). The US Gazetteer Place and Zipcode files used in this service is available for downloading.*

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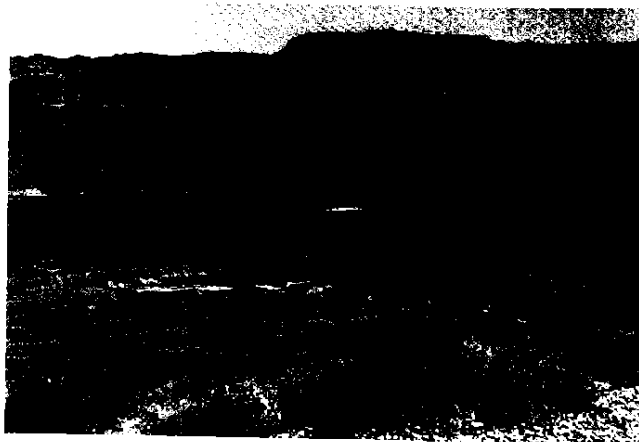
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86444	ACCEPTABLE (DEFAULT)	STANDARD

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**The Town of Meadview**  
with the Grand Wash Cliffs  
in the background.

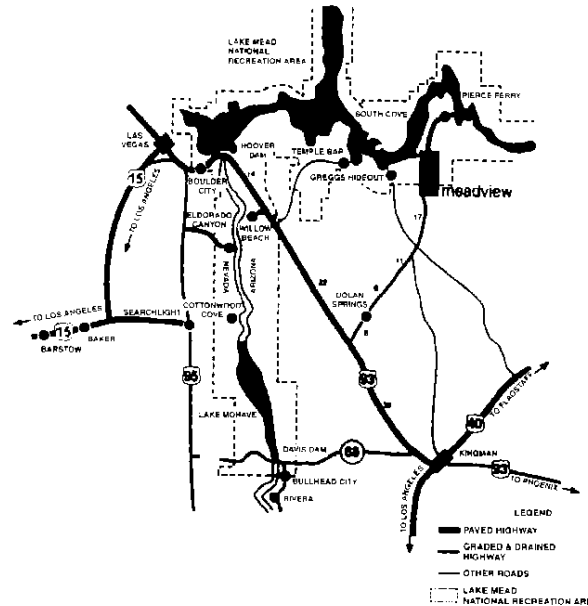


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P.O. Box 26  
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**Phone 1-928-564-2425**

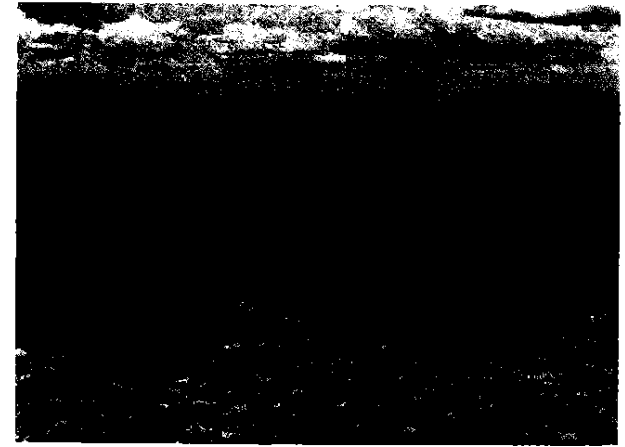
## MEADVIEW AREA MAP



Meadview is located the junction of Lake Mead and the lower gorge of the Grand Canyon, approximately half way between Las Vegas, Nevada and Kingman, Arizona - between Lake Mead and the Grand Wash Cliffs. Take highway 93 from Las Vegas or Kingman to mile post 42 and then about 40 miles north to Meadview on county road 25 (Pearce Ferry Road). The roads are paved all the way.

## VISIT MEADVIEW ARIZONA

GATEWAY TO THE GRAND CANYON  
SEE... all of nature's beauty.



*PLAY..* on one of the world's  
largest man made lakes.



*RELAX..* enjoy the wonders of Meadview  
and leave the big city blues behind!

## MEADVIEW IN BRIEF

Meadview is located on the Grapevine Mesa 10 miles south of Lake Mead sitting just west of the Grand Wash Cliffs which define the end of the Grand Canyon. The elevation of 3500 feet allows cooler summer temperatures than the desert areas of Arizona. The air is clear and pure; the nighttime skies are filled with millions of stars.

Springtime brings a dense covering of wild flowers providing vibrant splashes of every shade of color. The mesa is home to a dense Joshua tree forest. The sunsets, which paint the Grand Wash Cliffs in pink, mauve and then magenta provide the perfect backdrop for a backyard cookout.

Come fish the quiet coves of the lake, ski on the wide open waters, take your boat miles up the Grand Canyon, into a different world. There's gold to find, rock hounding, gold mines to visit, swim in the clean water. We believe you will find Meadview a really nice place to spend your time - we do our best to make you welcome with cafes, gas stations, RV Parks, motels, stores, hairdressers, etc.

We will do our best to help you enjoy the beauties of the Grapevine Mesa area - the lake, the canyon, the hills, the wildlife, flocks of Quail, a swift roadrunner, a chance sighting of bobcat, deer, badger, burro and desert big horn sheep all of whom are frequent visitors, and often a musical chorus each evening provided by our coyotes. Something the city dweller never hears.

Come visit us - you'll love it - and return time after time.

**HIKING...** See nature up close and at its best!



**CAMPING...** In town or at the lake.



**BOATING...** 550 miles of breathtaking shoreline just waiting for you and your boat.



**FISHING...** Fish in Iceberg Canyon, or dozens of other great fishing spots - there's lots of bass just waiting for your lure!



The members of the Meadview Chamber of Commerce are glad to answer any questions that you might have - don't hesitate to contact us.



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## Information about Meadview Arizona

### for visitors and residents

Welcome to Meadview's newest web site. We invite your comments on ways to improve it. Please note that this site is constantly under construction and being updated - check back often!

To add YOUR page of information or coming events send us an e-mail or phone 928-564-2662

This site best viewed through IE 4.0 or later

### Coming Events

#### Local Information

**National Rec Area**

**Hikes**

**One Day Trips**

**Fishing/Boating**

**History**

April 5 is the date of the annual Car Show. This year's Crow's Nest Car Show is expected to be bigger and better than ever. The Meadview Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a raffle with one or two Las Vegas or Laughlin casino packages, dinners, and a variety of prizes provided by Chamber members. Last year the Chamber presented a trophy to Wayne Pirkle for his 1949 Plymouth - a really beautiful restoration job. The Meadview RV Park is donating a weekend stay for two in one of their new luxury cabins. We'll outline other prizes as they become available.

### Ban on Personal Watercraft

## Effective Date on Personal Watercraft Closures postponed

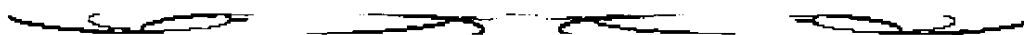


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The National Park Service and Blue Water Network reached an agreement to extend the date for banning personal watercraft (PWC) from the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The extension allows unrestricted PWC use until *April 20, 2003*.

### Calendars and Phone Books

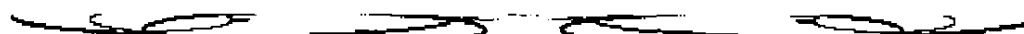
The new MESA (Meadview Emergency Services Auxiliary) calendars for 2003 and Meadview phone books are now available at the Chamber of Commerce, the MCA, and Meadview Market. All proceeds go to support Meadview fire and emergency services.



### Hoover Dam Bypass

It will be possibly sooner than 2007 that the 2,000 foot steel and concrete bridge that will be part of the Hoover Dam bypass will open.

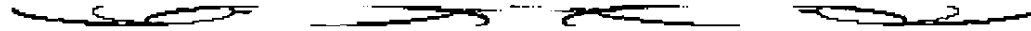
On October 21, 2002 the governors of Nevada and Arizona, along with members of Congress and federal officials met during a ceremony to start working on the Hoover Dam bypass. The \$235 million dollar project starts with the relocation of two power lines and twelve electricity transmission towers presently blocking the path of the bridge.



## THE CABINS ARE HERE! THE CABINS ARE HERE!

**Rental Cabins** - Check the link for the brand new Cabin - now available in Meadview.

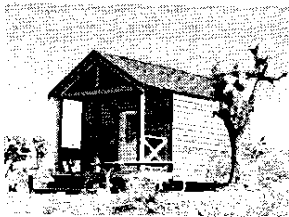
Comfort and privacy in one nice package.



### Directions to Meadview from the east or the west

From Las Vegas, Nevada go east on highway 93 across Hoover Dam. On highway 93 turn north at mile post 42 on to Pierce Ferry Road and drive 40 miles to Meadview. About 100 miles from the Las Vegas Strip. Please note that at the present time there are some special regulations on traffic over Hoover Dam. For more information click on: Lake Mead NRA Advisory.

From Kingman, Arizona go west on highway 93. On highway 93 turn north at mile post 42 on to Pierce Ferry Road and drive 40 miles to Meadview. About 65 miles from downtown Kingman.



Pierce Ferry Road is county highway 25 and is paved the entire length. Watch out for cows on the road!

### Services available

Most of the services that you might require are available in Meadview: RV Park and Rentals, motels, gasoline, diesel, propane, groceries, post office, hardware store, religious services, some auto repair, restaurants, ATM, etc. Check on the Yellow Pages for phone numbers of specific businesses.



### Where are we?

Meadview is located in north west Arizona at the point where the Grand Canyon ends and Lake Mead starts. At 3500 feet elevation Meadview enjoys summers a little cooler than

the low lying deserts and winters a little warmer than the mountain areas.

## **A little background information on Lake Mead, the Lake Mead Recreation Area and the Grapevine Mesa.**

### **Lake Mead National Recreation Area:**

Boating on Lake Mead is at its best at this end of the lake. Crystal clear water, fantastic scenery, miles of open water and clean beaches. Peace and solitude are yours for the asking - and the fishing is great.

Lake Mead National Recreation Area has over 3000 square miles of environmentally protected riparian scenery (according to the 1998 "Information Please" Almanac, Lake Mead is the largest National Recreational Area in the US with an acreage of almost 1½ million acres).

Beginning at the east border are the Grand Wash cliffs which rise to 6000 feet. The cliffs are the gateway for the Colorado River as it leaves the Grand Canyon and becomes Lake Mead. The lake is 115 miles long, terminating at Hoover Dam - the tallest dam in the Western Hemisphere. The dam rises 726.4 feet from bedrock to the paved road across this mile long concrete marvel.

Lake Mead is America's largest man made lake covering 229 square miles with a storage capacity of 30 million-acre feet of water. The 500 miles of shoreline changes dramatically from one area to the next with steep cliffs, deep coves, sandy beaches and always a vast panorama of photographic opportunities. The eastern end of the lake is fabled for its fishing. Fish to be caught include striped bass which can reach monster sizes up to 60 pounds, large mouth bass, catfish and bluegill.

In the coves or on the cliffs that line the lake, you could see the majestic desert bighorn sheep. The rams are a

sturdy animals carrying massive curved horns and boasting large harems of ewes with their young. The wild burros, descendants of those left behind by discouraged prospectors, drink at the water's edge, as do cougars, bobcats and coyotes. Few nights pass without a serenade from a family of coyotes. Badgers, cottontails, and the wily black-eared jackrabbit, and even deer can be found within the park boundaries. Antelope are quite rare, but are seen occasionally.

Gambel's quail thrive in our area, sometimes numbering the hundreds as they search for seeds under the brush. In season, bird watchers can find over 250 species of birds ranging from 5 kinds of humming birds to the osprey, golden eagle, and even the bald eagle. There are 60 species of waterfowl including ducks, herons, brown pelicans, geese, coots, terns, and the small swan like billed grebe. Songbirds, owls, hawks, ravens and the turkey vulture are constant visitors to the area.

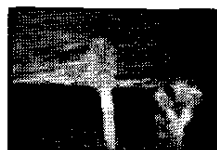
At Grapevine Springs you will find beds of the scarlet monkeyflower. The yellow wild columbine trails over the cliffs at Columbine Falls. Throughout the rest of the area you will find desert plants that survive our dry climate with only 6 inches of yearly moisture. This falls as rain during July and August, and again in February, but we have had snowfalls of 2 to 5 inches during the winter months on rare occasions.

For Lake Mead National Recreation Area Fee Schedule click here: [LMNRA Fee Schedule](#)

### **The Grapevine Mesa**

On the Grapevine Mesa the chaparral includes creosote bush, rabbit bush, cat claw, Joshua, yucca and large cholla, plus many flowering cactus.

The extensive Joshua forest that you drive through from highway 93 to Meadview is the largest of its kind in the United States and boasts some magnificent specimens of this unusual tree. For more information on the peculiarities of the Joshua Trees click on: [Joshua Trees](#)



The Joshuas, when outlined against a gorgeous sunset, present a surreal view.

Click to enlarge.

In the dry washes of the mesa you can spend many hours digging for gold - and you can find it! A 12-ounce nugget was found by a weekend gold seeker a couple of years ago and dozens of others have found smaller nuggets and flakes.

The hiking and 4x4 trails are numerous and selection of difficulty is wide. For a listing of many of the trails that you might like to try, click on

Hikes from Meadview or

[One Day Trips from Meadview](#)

You can visit the awesome beauty of the Grand Canyon on the Hualapai Indian Reservation and marvel at the Colorado River, far below, still carving the canyon ever deeper even as you watch. The beauties of the Canyon can be combined with a nice trip in a Conestoga wagon or horseback riding.

### **A VERY SHORT HISTORY OF THE AREA**

The Grapevine Wash has long been well traveled and is known as the Ute trail from the Colorado River south to Hopi and across into California. In more recent history the Mormons used this trail to trek their trade wagons to the Hopi and Navajo villages.

In the 1820s Jedidiah Smith crossed the Virgin River, (Virgis as it was known then) and then across the Colorado to reach the California territory. In 1869 John Wesley Powell (1834-1902, geologist, explorer, and one-armed civil war veteran) led his band of explorers through the Grand Canyon past Pearce Ferry and South Cove and they ended their river trip where the Virgin enters the Colorado.

Boulder Dam was started in 1931 and finished in 1935. Over 90 men died during its construction. In 1953 the dam was renamed for Herbert Hoover who was president when it was originally conceived. Henry J. Kaiser, a

ship builder, was the contractor on the dam. The lake was named for Elwood Mead, commissioner for Reclamation in the early 1930s.

Click for: [A Little More History of Meadview and the Meadview Area](#)

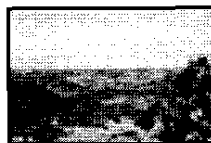
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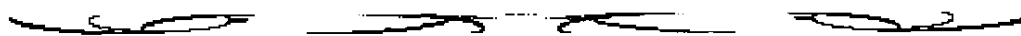


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## Lake Mead NRA Advisory

### Hoover Dam traffic update

- ✂ Starting April 15, 2002, Recreational Vehicles will be allowed to cross Hoover Dam if the vehicles and contents can be "easily inspected" (whatever that means!). If an officer at the Dam's checkpoints believes any vehicle is a threat, that vehicle will not be allowed to cross.
- ✂ Boats cannot approach closer than one-half mile to the dam on the downstream (river) side and approximately one mile on the upstream (reservoir) side.

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# Lake Mead National Recreation Area

## Local Information

**Home**

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Bulletin dated September 8: Water level is extremely low. The park service has done some repair work at South Cove and the full width of the launch ramp can again be used. Pierce Ferry is closed for boat launching due to the low water. It is rumored that our water is being taken to fill reservoirs (Hemet?) in California (to water golf courses?). Of course there are still miles and miles of deep water in the lake and in the coves.

Jet Skis: The NPS has amended the regulations on "Personal Water Craft" from using Lake Mead and going up the Grand Canyon. Contact [www.nps.gov/lame](http://www.nps.gov/lame) for more information. As of right now PWCs can be used on Lake Mead until April 10, 2003.

## LMNRA Fee Schedule

Beginning in the summer of 2000 the National Park Service who control the Lake Mead National Recreation Area started charging entrance and lake use fees. For more detailed information and/or to complain about how irritated we are about this whole thing, contact the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Fee Management at 1-702-294-0042

The following is the question I put to the LMNRA in July, 2001, and their response;

Question to NPS: What is the situation regarding persons who bring boats to Meadview/South Cove/Pierce Ferry?

Do they have to drive to Boulder City to get permits?

Will they be cited if they don't have permits?

Answer from NPS: You can get a form from the Internet and mail it in to get your permits. The rangers are not going to cite you for not having an entrance sticker since there is not an entrance station in your area but you will get cited for not have (sic) a lake use sticker on your boat. Our Internet address is: [www.nps.gov/lame](http://www.nps.gov/lame), or you can send your mailing address and I can mail a form out to you.

Charlotte

Date: 7/25/01 1:47 PM



Additional (unverified) information:

It is my understanding that if you have the appropriate paperwork filled out and cash or check on hand, you can pay the Park Ranger if you are stopped. I am not guaranteeing this information!  
Dennis.

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Land for the Meadview development was purchased in 1960. Portions of that land were later determined to be inside the Lake Mead National Recreation Area and that land was exchanged for inland parcels. Meadview now has around 800 homes with some 1500 residents.

Meadview lies at elevations between 3100 and 3500 feet, 10 miles south of Lake Mead, between Kingman, AZ and Las Vegas, NV. The Ute Trail, used for centuries by Indians crossing the Colorado River, is in Grapevine Wash located east of Meadview. The trail continued to the south of Grapevine Wash with one branch continuing to the west at Cottonwood and the east branch crossing Hualapai land to reach the Hopi.

Harrison Pearce (or Pierce), in penance for his participation in the Mountain Meadows Massacre in 1857, was sent by the LDS church in 1860 to run a ferry across the Colorado at the Ute Trail crossing.

Pearce Ferry is now a boat ramp and is the preferred landing for raft trips through the Grand Canyon. The Hualapai Indian trips always use Pearce Ferry. (Due to the water level, Pearce Ferry is temporarily longer usable by boats or rafts. All boats and rafts now use the South Cove boat ramp.)

Other ferry crossings were set up - Bonelli, Scanlon, etc. but all were covered by the waters of Lake Mead when that lake was formed after the building of Boulder Dam (now known as Hoover Dam) in 1935.

Hoover Dam is a concrete dam 726 feet above bedrock built in Boulder Canyon of the Black Mountains. The lake is 110 miles long and influences the rush of the waters of the canyon 60 miles up into the canyon - in fact rafters, unless using motorized boats, dislike the slow rafting down the last 60 miles of their 287 mile

and use speed boats to off-load passengers 60 miles above the lake.

South Cove boat ramp was built and paved in 1965/66 over a period of 15 months and at a cost of over 1 million dollars. At the time it was the largest construction ever undertaken by the National Park Service. The road to South Cove is paved and in recent years the boat ramp area has been greatly expanded and improved. South Cove is 60 miles above Hoover Dam. South Cove and Temple Bar are the only Arizona boat ramps on Lake Mead above Hoover Dam.

East of Pearce Ferry, 750 feet above the water in Lower Grand Gorge, is Sloth Cave (also called Rampart Cave). Once home of the Giant Sloth 40,000 years ago, the cave was used as a laboratory by the U of A, the National Science Foundation and Smithsonian Institute to study that animal. A fire in 1976 raged months and caused much damage to this study area. The NPS built a steel gate across the entrance to the cave to restrict public access.

Bat Cave is located approximately 75 miles above Hoover Dam, in the Grand Canyon. In the 1930s, bat cave was a source for hardy men to dig bat guano which was bagged and loaded into ferry barges and sold as fertilizer, especially for roses. In the 1950s a steel cable carried a gondola across the 7500 feet of the canyon, 2500 feet above the water, transporting the guano until the guano ran out and the mine closed. In 1963 a jet plane from Nellis AFB hit the cable cutting it in two. The plane made it back to Nellis even though the tail was damaged. In 1995 the NPS wanted to destroy the cable towers and remove the dangling cables, but efforts by local residents forced the cancellation of those plans.

The Grapevine Mesa, indeed, the whole area between Kingman and Hoover Dam is dotted with old mine sites and abandoned cabins. Check out our page on One Day trips and the page on Hikes in the Meadview area if you are interested in exploring off the beaten track.

If Meadview sounds like the kind of a place you might want to live permanently *there are several real estate agents both on line and listed in the yellow pages* waiting to serve you - or call us for more names and phone numbers.

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### Cultural History Overview

Human history in this area extends back more than 10,000 years to man's arrival in the Southwest. The first people that can be positively identified in this region were known as the Basketmakers. They were probably forerunners of the Pueblo Indians who were farmers and traders.

- ✂ 40,000+ years ago - Pleistocene fauna found in an old stream channel. Presence of Man not established.
- ✂ 30,000-15,000 years ago - a shallow lake existed near Tule Springs.
- ✂ 13,000-11,000 years ago - probable evidence of Man with extinct Pleistocene fauna.
- ✂ 11,000 years ago - definite evidence of Man.

So, at present, we can say that Man might have been in the Lake Mead area more than 20,000 years ago, probably here about 13,000 years ago, and definitely here by 11,000 years ago.

The recorded history of the area began in 1826, when Jedediah Smith passed through on his first Southwest Expedition in search of beaver. Other early explorers were John C. Fremont, Lt. Edward Beale, Lt. Joseph C. Ives, and Major John Wesley Powell.

The explorers were followed by colonization and exploitation. Mormon farm settlements and roaring mining camps sprang up along the rivers and in the mountains. Lake Mead was named in honor of Dr. Elwood Mead. As Commissioner of Reclamation from 1924 - 1936, he drafted new specifications for a giant project that would dam the Colorado River, impound the world's (at that time) largest artificial lake and provide flood control, irrigation supply and power generation. That project was Boulder Dam. We know it by a later name change as Hoover Dam.

In 1935, Hoover Dam was completed and Lake Mead formed, covering such historic Mormon sites as Callville, Rioville, and St.

Thomas.

### **Meadview Area History**

The Meadview area includes the areas of South Cove, Pearce Ferry, and Grand Wash.

Meadview is a small community located on the southern boundary of the recreational area and about 10 miles from both Pearce Ferry and South Cove. It is almost an inholding, being surrounded on three sides by recreational area lands.

The community is of recent origin, having been started around 1960 as a retirement community.

Pearce Ferry was started in 1863 by Jacob Hamblin, bought by Pearce in 1876, and operated until 1891. This area became popular again during the Grand Canyon-Boulder Dam tours in the 1940's. A concession maintained a floating dock, supply depot, dining room, and had elaborated plans for improvement. The tour boats left Hemenway, stopped at Pearce Ferry, continued to Rampart Cave (discovered in 1916 by Willis Evans) and then on 12 miles into the Grand Canyon. The tour cost \$101. With the filling of Lake Mead, a delta formed at Pearce Ferry. This silting in, followed by the lowering of the lake level after 1941, forced the concession to be abandoned. Scenic flights were also part of the tourist trade in the 1930's and 1940's with airplane landing on the strip at Pearce Ferry. Pearce Ferry is about 17 miles upstream from South Cove and serves as the primary terminus for river runners floating through the Grand Canyon. An undeveloped launching ramp allows boaters access to the lower gorge of the Grand Canyon. Primitive camping is allowed.

Mike Scanlon's Ferry, started in 1881, which was later bought by Tom Gregg, crossed the Colorado River at the area now known as Gregg's Hideout.

South Cove does not have a history pre-dating the establishment of the recreation area. After the recreation area was established, a new paved road was constructed as a spur road off the Pearce Ferry road, extending down to the lake where a paved launch ramp was constructed.

### **Echo Bay History**

Salt mines now under Lake Mead waters in the Echo Bay area, as well as near former St. Thomas, were once mined by Indians. The miners, using stone tools, would chip a circular groove into the salt, forming a knob which they would break off and carry away for their use and for trading.

In 1864, Anson Call journeyed down the Virgin River to the Echo Bay area. He followed Echo Wash for a few miles, then turned back to the Colorado, where he picked the site of Callville for the Mormon Steamboat port.

In recent years, Moapa Valley ranchers have grazed their cattle in the Echo Wash, near the Bitter Springs, and in Bitter Springs Valley.

Echo Bay is near the old confluence of the Virgin and Colorado Rivers, where Powell ended his 1869 journey. Armijo, Smith, Odgen, and others followed the Virgin River to the Colorado River, passing close to Echo Bay.

### **Overton Beach History**

The Basketmaker Indians lived at the Lost City, also called Pueblo Grande de Nevada, on the Muddy River near the Virgin, probably before 500 A.D. Over the years, the Indians built pit houses and, later, two and three story houses. The earlier tribes hunted and gathered their food, while later people farmed extensively. The last were occupants of a large Mesa House before they disappeared by 1150 A.D. Pueblo Grande de Nevada, or Lost City, is an unfortunate choice of names, since it applies to the whole complex of villages scattered along the Virgin/Muddy Valleys. "Mesa House" is the term used for the last occupational period in the area - again the people were living in a number of villages during the Mesa House period ca A.D. 1100-1150. Surveys and excavations of Lost City began in 1924 under the Southwestern Museum, most of the work being done from 1935-1938. Many artifacts and reconstructed pueblo houses are now at the Lost City Museum in Overton. Lake Mead waters cover the original site.

In 1865, the Mormons established St. Thomas, at the junction of the Muddy and Virgin Rivers. The colonists farmed, raised cotton, and worked with the Paiutes. Tax problems with the new State of Nevada developed in 1870. All but one family, Daniel Bonelli, returned to Utah. Three families returned in 1880, followed by others. In 1912, there was enough business to have a railroad branch built to St. Thomas. The town became the halfway stopping point on the Old Arrowhead Trail, having a hotel, good meals, and a reliable garage. Re-routing U.S. 91 and ceasing operations of Grand Gulch copper mine in the 1930's hurt the town's economy. Life returned more to normal with the discovery of a silica sand deposit, beginning operation of a salt mine, and the discovery of the Lost City. But then the Hoover Dam project was started. Evacuation notices were posted on everything for five years. No one left until rising water was spotted in the Virgin Canyon. Many of the buildings were moved to towns on higher ground. On June 11, 1938, the waters had been in the town for five days. The postmaster cancelled thousands of "last day" envelopes before he left for dry ground. Sometimes, when the lake gets low enough, buildings, dead trees, and rusted machinery can be seen.

Located three miles south of St. Thomas, on the west side of the Virgin, was the famous mountain of salt. This necessity, also found in many caves in the area, was probably the reason for the site of the Lost City. Over the years, it has grown to fantastic proportions - 3 miles long, all salt, and that as clear as glass. Its names include Big Salt Cliff, Salvation Salt, Salt Point, and Salt Mountain. Lake Mead waters now cover this huge salt deposit, as well as most of the caves. No wonder our water is a little on the hard side!

In 1939, Overton Beach was one of the three National Park Service areas of the Boulder Dam National Recreation Area to have facilities.

### **Temple Bar History**

Daniel Bonelli left St. Thomas after it was abandoned in 1871. He built his home at



Junction City, at the mouth of the Virgin River, and renamed it Rioville. Bonelli raised cattle and agricultural crops, and mined salt for sale to the miners from Temple Bar to El Dorado. Bonelli recognized another need, so Rioville also became known as Bonelli's Ferry. The ferry operated until 1920. Rioville had a store, post office, and a Pony Express station. Daniel Bonelli is credited with naming "The Mormon Temple" at Temple Bar.

The Temple Bar Mining Company produced placer gold from 1894 to 1898. After having problems securing driftwood from the river, they shipped the needed timbers from Kingman. The miners picked up their mail at Rioville.




Many Indian artifacts are found in the Temple Bar area, such as a large pottery bowl discovered in 1974.

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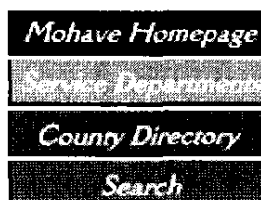
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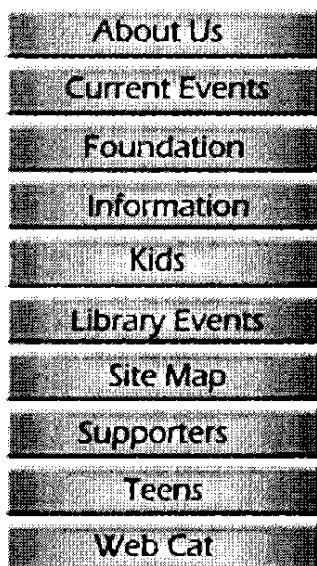
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## ***MEADVIEW LIBRARY***

- Hours and Contact Info.
- Upcoming Events
- Driving Instructions
- Friends of the Meadview Public Library

### **Hours**

Tues. 11 am - 5 pm

Thurs. 3 pm - 6 pm

Sat. 10 am - 4 pm

P. O. Box 187

149 E. Meadview Blvd

Meadview, AZ 86444-2535

(928) 564-2532 (fax when closed)

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## Driving Instructions

- Traveling North on US 93: Make a right turn onto Pierce Ferry Road. Go 39 miles and turn right onto Meadview Blvd. Continue on Meadview Blvd. and turn left at Stillwater. Take the first right turn into the driveway of the Civic Association building. The Library building is to the right and directly across the parking lot from the Civic Association building.

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## L25 Pearce Ferry Airport

Meadview, Arizona, USA



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#### Location

FAA Identifier: L25

Lat/Long: 36-05-36.950N / 114-02-46.858W

36-05.61583N / 114-02.78097W

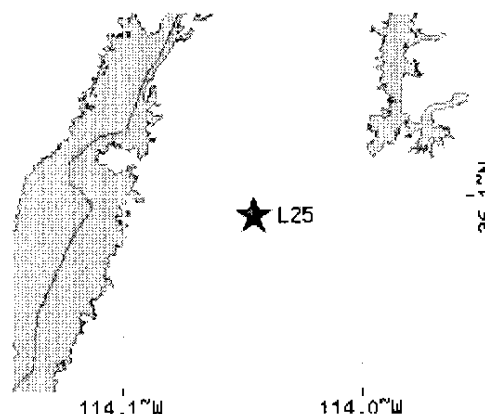
36.0935972 / -114.0463494

(estimated)

Elevation: 2941 ft. / 896 m (estimated)

Variation: 14E (1985)

From city: 3 miles N of MEADVIEW, AZ



#### Airport Operations

Airport use: Open to the public

Sectional chart: LAS VEGAS [CLICK TO BUY IT NOW](#)

Control tower: no

ARTCC: LOS ANGELES CENTER

FSS: PRESCOTT FLIGHT SERVICE STATION

[1-800-WX-BRIEF]

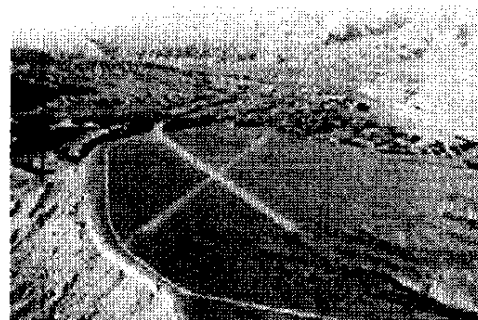
NOTAMs facility: PRC (NOTAM-D service available)

Attendance: UNATNDD

Wind indicator: yes

Segmented circle: yes

Beacon: unknown



#### Airport Communications

CTAF: 122.9

#### Nearby radio navigation aids

VOR radial/distance

PGSr304/37.2

VOR name Freq Var

PEACH SPRINGS VORTAC 112.00 15E

#### METAR

KLSV 281555Z 24006KT 3SM RA FEW010  
BKN020 OVC030 06/05 A2993

#### TAF

KLSV 280909 03012KT 9999 -RA SCT030

#### Sunrise and sunset

Times for 28-Feb-2003

	Local (UTC-7)	Zulu (UTC)
Morning civil twilight	06:43	13:43
Sunrise	07:09	14:09
Sunset	18:29	01:29
Evening civil twilight	18:55	01:55

## Airport Services

BKN060 OVC100 620708 QNH2988INS  
 TEMPO 1015 VRB15G20KT 8000 -TSRA  
 SCT020 BKN050CB OVC070  
 BECMG 1415 36015KT 9999 VCTS  
 SCT020 BKN050CB OVC070  
 QNH2985INS  
 BECMG 1819 01009KT 9999 NSW  
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 BECMG 2324 01010KT 9999 SCT120  
 BKN250 QNH2990INS WND VRB06KT  
 AFT 07 T15/23Z T06/13Z

## Runway Information

### Runway 1/19

Dimensions: 2810 x 90 ft. / 856 x 27 m

RY 01/19 550 FT STOPWAY SOUTH OF RY 01  
 COVERED WITH LOOSE ROCKS & LOW  
 VEGETATION.  
 CENTER 45 FT IS CLEAR OF VEGETATION.  
 GRAVEL APRON AREA LCTD WEST SIDE  
 OF RY 19 NEAR APCH END.

Surface: dirt, in good condition

RY 01/19 EAST 15 FT AND WEST 40 FT OF  
 RY WIDTH, FULL LENGTH OF RY, ARE  
 ROUGH WITH LOOSE GRAVEL.

#### RUNWAY 1

#### RUNWAY 19

Traffic pattern: right

left

Obstructions: 15 ft. tree, 45 ft. from  
 runway, 100 ft. left of  
 centerline, 3:1 slope to  
 clear

9 ft. tree, 100 ft. from  
 runway, 95 ft. right of  
 centerline, 11:1 slope to  
 clear

## Airport Operational Statistics

Aircraft operations: avg 21/week


91% air taxi

9% transient general aviation

## Additional Remarks

- BE ALERT TO WILDLIFE ON INVOF ARPT.
- SCATTERED +5 FT BUSHES ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF  
 RY 01/19.
- SIGNS 1000 FT FM RY 01, 65 FT RIGHT; 1050 FT FM RY  
 01, 90 FT LEFT; 200 FT FM RY 19, 110 FT LEFT.

## Businesses, Services and Facilities On or Near Pearce Ferry Airport

Business Name	Contact	Services	Comments
			

## Other Pages about Pearce Ferry Airport



Location: *Meadview Arizona* | Category: *Flying*

## Pearce Ferry Airport

Pearce Ferry Airport serves Meadview and Mohave County and is owned by National

Park Service. The dirt runway extends for 2810 feet. The facility is at an elevation of 2941 feet at a distance of about 3 miles from Meadview.

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